

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application with claim 1 being amended.

New claim 9 is added for consideration by this response.

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Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An engine starter, comprising:

a recoil device;

a ring gear operatively rotated with said recoil device;

a recoil cover for accommodating said recoil device and said ring gear therein;

a starter device having pinions engaged with said ring gear only when said starter device is operated; and

a drain mechanism provided on said recoil cover for allowing a liquid entering from said recoil cover to be discharged by one-touch operation.

Claim 2. (original) The engine starter according to claim 1, wherein said drain mechanism includes a transparent pipe member attached to said recoil cover and a plug

member fitted to said pipe member.

Claim 3. (original) The engine starter according to claim 1, wherein said recoil cover includes a window for allowing the liquid therein to be visible from outside

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Claim 4. (original) The engine starter according to claim 2, wherein said recoil cover includes a window for allowing the liquid therein to be visible from outside.

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Claim 5. (original) The engine starter according to claim 1, wherein said recoil cover includes a compressed air injection hole for introducing compressed air to forcibly discharge the liquid inside said recoil cover and a lid member for closing said compressed air injection hole.

Claim 6. (original) The engine starter according to claim 2, wherein said recoil cover includes a compressed air injection hole for introducing compressed air to forcibly discharge the liquid inside said recoil cover and a lid member for closing said compressed air injection hole.

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Claim 7. (original) The engine starter according to claim 3, wherein said recoil cover includes a compressed air injection hole for introducing compressed air to forcibly discharge the liquid inside said recoil cover and a lid member for closing said compressed air injection hole.

Claim 8. (original) The engine starter according to claim 4, wherein said recoil cover includes a compressed air injection hole for introducing compressed air to forcibly discharge the liquid inside said recoil cover and a lid member for closing said compressed air injection hole.

9. (New) The engine starter according to claim 1, wherein said drain mechanism includes a boss formed integrally with said recoil cover, and an auxiliary pipe is press-fit to said boss, wherein a drain house is fixedly coupled via a clip over an outer periphery of said auxiliary pipe at one end thereof, and at the other end of said drain hose, a drain cap is loosely fitted and securely fixed thereto with a second clip.

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